

441—113.17(237) Medical examinations and health care of the child.

113.17(1) *Physical examinations.* Each child should have a physical examination by a physician prior to placement in the foster home to determine the child is free from contagious or infectious diseases. When this physical examination cannot be given prior to admission, an examination shall be scheduled within seven days after placement. An annual medical review of treatment received during the year shall be obtained from the health practitioner or practitioners. When a child is in continuous foster care, a new physical examination shall not be required when the child transfers from one foster family home to another unless there is some indication that an examination is necessary.

113.17(2) *Medical and dental supervision.* Each child shall be under regular medical and dental supervision. Foster parents shall keep the supervising agency informed of any health problems. In case of sickness or accident, immediate medical care shall be secured for the child in accordance with the supervising agency's directions given at the time of placement.

113.17(3) *Exemption from medical care.* Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require medical treatment or immunization for a minor child of any person who is a member of a church or religious organization which is against medical treatment for disease. In such instance, an official statement from the organization and a notarized statement from the parents shall be incorporated in the record. In potentially life-threatening situations, the child's care shall be referred to appropriate medical and legal authorities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3.